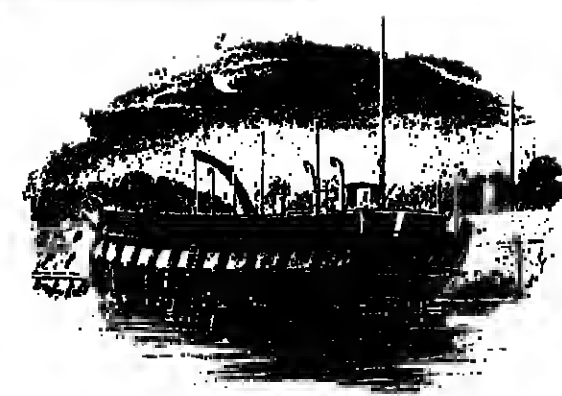


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Future of the U.S. Academic Research Fleet

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In recent years, the U.S. oceanographic community has suffered a significant reduction in the size of its research fleet; if funding for the research fleet does not increase, the academic community may lose one or two more of its larger ships during the next 5 years. Federal agencies that sponsor research at sea, primarily the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Office of Naval Research (ONR), are deeply concerned about the diminishing U.S. oceanographic capability, and they have requested a special study of the problem by the Ocean Science Board of the National Academy of Sciences. This study, under the direction of Michael Mullin of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, is nearing completion, and a report is expected soon. In the following, I try to identify some of the reasons for this reduction, although the primary reason is not hard to anticipate (operating costs have been rising much faster than operating funds over the past 10 years).

Composition of the Fleet

The academic community depends primarily on the UNOLS fleet to do its science at sea. UNOLS is an organization of institutions that operate research vessels; it serves as a focus for fleet planning, coordination of schedules, and equipping of the research vessels. The present composition of the UNOLS fleet is shown in Table 1 and is compared with that of 1973.

The two largest ships of the present fleet, Woods Hole's R/V *Knorr* and Scripps' R/V *Malville*, are 245 ft long.

These ships are capable station-keeping platforms with excellent range and with the capability to handle heavy equipment. They carry a large complement of scientists in relative comfort and have been the backbone of large programs, such as GEDSECS and POLYMODE. Four of the UNOLS ships are about 210 ft long. Three of these are Navy-built AGOR class vessels, operated by Lamont-Doherty, Scripps, and the University of Washington; the fourth is *Altantis II*, built by the National Science Foundation and operated by Woods Hole. These ships have proven particularly effective for marine geological and geophysical investigations, having both range and seaworthiness. Two ships over 200 ft long, the *Gillis* of Miami and the *Verna* of Lamont-Doherty, were retired this past year.

A ship replacement program sponsored by the National Science Foundation in the 1970's provided the UNOLS fleet with three new 177 ft vessels of the so-called "Oceanus" class. Compared with the AGORs these ships have a limited range, but they provide seaworthy deep-sea platforms and have relatively low operating costs. The University of Miami's *Columbus Iselin*, which is only slightly smaller, was also built by the National Science Foundation. Completing the list of ships larger than 150 ft are the Navy-built *Gyre* and *Moana Wave*, Scripps' *New Horizon*, and Hawaii's *Kana Keoki*. Since 1978, the *Moana Wave* has been used exclusively by the Navy.

Nearly half of the ships in the fleet are 135 ft or smaller, have limited endurance and range, and are mainly used for coastal work. The two newest ships to enter the fleet, the *Cape Florida* and the *Cape Hatteras*, were built by the National Science Foundation in 1981 as Coastal Zone Research Vessels (CZRV) and replaced vessels at the operating institutions.

Although the *Glomar Challenger*, the deep-sea drilling ship, is not a UNOLS vessel, it should be included in any summary of the U.S. deep-sea capability available to the academic community. Plans are well underway to convert the *Glomar Explorer* to a second-generation drilling vessel in the mid-1990's to replace the *Challenger*. The *Challenger*'s operation is supported by the National Science Foundation and by international partners in the Deep-Sea Drilling Project. It is planned that the *Explorer*'s conversion and operating costs will be shared between the National Science Foundation, international partners, and a consortium of contributing oil companies. Thus, the *Glomar Explorer* could be regarded as the major addition, albeit a replacement to the *Challenger*, to the U.S. deep-sea capability planned for the 1990's.

The deep submersible *Alvin* and its tender *Lulu* is also a part of the U.S. marine research capability. The *Alvin* is operated by Woods Hole as a national facility. The sponsoring agencies are considering converting one of the ships in the 150-200 ft class to serve as a tender for *Alvin* and retire the *Lulu*, which is slow and limited in range and accommodations for multidisciplinary programs. This conversion would remove another general purpose research ship from the fleet. Table 1 shows that the mix of ships has changed over the past 8 years. The trend has been to retire larger blue-water ships and replace them with smaller vessels, cheaper and more suitable for near-shore work.

Present Trends and Activities

One bright spot in the academic fleet picture is that the Navy has started a program of midlife refits for the AGOR vessels, and the National Science Foundation has begun a similar refit program for ships it built. This would give these vessels an additional 15 years of service. The R/V *Conrad*, the first AGOR to undergo midlife refit, is now in the shipyard. This ship barely escaped retirement this spring, when both the National Science Foundation and the Office of Naval Research critically questioned its future use and saw its retirement as a convenient solution to a projected \$5 million deficit in the National Science Foundation's ship operating budget. Even with the refit, the AGOR's and *Altantis II* will reach the end of their serviceable lives in the mid-1990's, and there are no plans underway to replace them.

It should be noted that it is not just the academic fleet that is shrinking. NOAA has recently laid up the *Oregon*, *Kelaz*, *Surveyor*, and *Oceanographer* [Mutchy, 1991], which represents a loss of 983 sea days per year. The academic fleet, even in its reduced state, is under used. In 1980, there were 1620 days (based on 270 days/year/ship) available on the six ships longer than 200 ft, of which 1338 were used. For vessels in the 100- to 200-ft class, 2727 days out of a possible 3285 were used. Unused time requires the laying up of the larger ships for substantial periods of time. The projected use quotient is about the same for 1982, and there is no indication that the pattern will change in the near future. Curiously, during this same period, the leasing of privately owned research ships by the academic research community has increased. One of the reasons for leasing is to solve the logistical problems raised by the reduced fleet.

The decline in the use of ship time at sea is occurring in the face of a rapid growth in the production of doctoral scientists in all aspects of oceanography, and one must conclude that marine scientists are spending less time at sea. There are several reasons for this trend. One is the evolution of ocean science that is moving from an exploratory, data intensive phase toward more analysis of existing data and synthesis of global data sets in the framework of theoretical and oceanic models. Another is the use of advanced data acquisition systems, such as multichannel seismic, multibeam sounders, moored stations, and modern hydrographic instruments that have greatly increased the data yield per day at sea; consequently, a day's data require more time ashore for analysis and interpretation. An additional reason is the increased activity by government agencies and commercial companies in oceanic sciences that has displaced some of the academic effort. This is especially true of marine geology and geophysics on the ocean margins, which is relevant to hydrocarbon assessment.

These reasons notwithstanding, it seems that the per capita decline in the requirement for sea time would be more than offset by the growth of the oceanographic community. The community is expected to nearly double between 1975 and 1995 [Robinson et al., 1981].

The decreasing size of the U.S. research fleet is primarily governed by present economics. The advanced technologies required by some disciplines are more expensive to operate, causing the "unit price" of marine studies to double and triple while NSF's budget has not. The operating costs of ships have risen sharply, well above the inflation rate, while the funds available for UNOLS ship operations have remained essentially constant over the past few years after inflation is taken into account (Table 2).

The sharp rise in fuel oil prices is one of the main factors in the rising costs of operating ships. The annual fuel bill for an AGOR size vessel is over \$400,000, or about a quarter of the total annual cost, whereas in 1975 fuel accounts for only 12% of a vessel's operating costs. The rise in the price of bunker fuel was abrupt but lately has shown signs of becoming more stable. However, other costs ultimately depending on the energy cost are gradually catching up, and further increases in operating costs are expected. The daily rate for a ship of 210 ft is between \$8,500 and \$10,000. For the *Knorr* and *Malville* the rates are approaching \$12,000 per day. The *Glomar Challenger* costs a whopping \$33,000 per day to operate, and it is estimated that the *Glomar Explorer* will have a daily rate between \$70,000 and \$90,000 in 1984.

National Science Foundation Burden

The National Science Foundation supports about 70% of the costs of operating the UNOLS fleet. Ten years ago it supported only 55%, and the Office of Naval Research supplied most of the balance. The Office of Naval Research, however, has been regularly decreasing the percentage of its contribution to academic research fleet operations (Table 2). The Navy is providing about 10-12% of the \$32.3 million dollar fleet budget in 1981 but is making a further contribution through the AGOR refit program and an oceanographic equipment updating program. Other sources, federal, state, and private, provide another \$5 million (or 15%).

Over the past 7 years the National Science Foundation has provided the financial backdrop for UNOLS through the "Institutional Funding" policy for ship operations. By this policy, a proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation for a seagoing research program does not include ship costs. In its budget, only an indication of the type of ship required and the number of days. If the proposal is successful in the peer-review process, the ship time is usually awarded to the institution operating the ship. There is no doubt this policy has made it easier to obtain funds for seagoing programs on larger ships through the National Science Foundation, compared with the Office of Naval Research.

TABLE 2. Operating Funds for UNOLS Ships

	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	Proj. 1981
Agency									
National Science Foundation	11.8	12.5	13.4	13.8	15.0	15.8	16.5	18.2	23.3
Office of Naval Research	3.9	3.6	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.4	2.6	3.3	3.4
Other	1.5	2.1	2.8	3.0	4.3	4.8	4.2	3.8	5.0
TOTAL*	16.9	18.2	18.7	19.8	21.9	22.8	23.3	25.3	31.7

*In millions of dollars.

†Average rate of increase 7.8%.

search, which requires that the ship time costs be included in the budgets. Other U.S. agencies, such as Department of Education, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Geological Survey, etc., which occasionally use the UNOLS fleet, buy ship time as needed and accept little or no responsibility for the health or composition of the fleet.

The stated objective of the National Science Foundation's funding policy is to ensure that no important sea-going marine research is neglected because of a lack of ship time. If this objective were met, it would imply that the decrease in use of U.S. research vessels corresponds to a decrease in need. However, because NSF provides the lion's share of the funds for the fleet and the science that is done on it, things do not work out so simply. Over the long term it is the ocean science plans and policies that the NSF develops in close partnership with the ocean research community that determine the need for sea-going platforms. Thus the community should be concerned about two developing trends in NSF ocean science policy and planning: (1) the decline in the number of larger-scale multi-institutional programs during the 1980's and (2) the shifting balance among research disciplines, in particular the balance between the deep-sea drilling efforts and other areas of ocean science.

Large-Scale Ocean Science Programs

Since the end of the International Decade of Ocean Exploration (IDOE), the number of large multi-institutional, interdisciplinary programs has decreased substantially. The successor to IDOE, the Cooperative Ocean Research Exploration Studies (CORES) program, has been dropped by the National Science Foundation in favor of a general encouragement to the academic community to submit large, long-term programs. However, the long-term proposals compete directly with small science programs with much smaller budgets. The net result of this change is that there are few large programs in the works for the 1980's.

A National Academy of Sciences report [Wooster et al., 1979], on the other hand, argued that the cooperative programs of the 1970's (MODE/POLYMODE, GEOSSECS, and CLIMAP) had brought the marine sciences to a point where large cooperative efforts would truly pay off. For example, it is clear that the time is ripe for a program in the polar seas. A major result of the 1970's programs was a deepened appreciation for the importance of the polar regions on the world's climate, deep ocean circulation, and food and mineral resources. Yet, plans for the 1980's are relatively modest. To mount a polar program would require an ice-strengthened vessel that could operate safely in Arctic and Antarctic waters. There has been extensive planning for an Arctic vessel, and a clear need has been defined; as of now, however, no action has been taken by the National Science Foundation.

Continental margins are another Atlantic target that seems due for a major program of exploration. Much insight into the evolution and processes in passive and active margins was gained in the past decade. Much of it came from deep-sea drilling, and drilling is the main tool planned for exploration in the 1980's. However, there is no organized program to use the remarkable capabilities of multichannel seismic sounding in a systematic way to study fundamental problems of the continental margins, as suggested in the National Academy of Sciences report [Bally et al., 1979]. Such a program would call for one or two ships in the academic fleet equipped with state-of-the-art bottom sounding equipment, the "Dedicated Marine Geology and Geophysics Ship." Some consideration is being given to developing such ships, but not within the framework of a major scientific program.

Deep-Sea Drilling

The deep-sea drilling programs, even though highly successful, have taken a toll on other more conventional areas of ocean science and, consequently, the research fleet. Drilling has made large demands on the funds available for ocean science. Over and above this is the enormous intellectual and managerial effort that it demands from the National Science Foundation and the academic oceanographic science community. NSF has customarily viewed the drilling program separately. For example, a drilling division was recently established separate from the ocean science division. The academic community, mostly following NSF's lead, is happy to view funds made available for drilling as "new" money for research. Deep-sea drilling is an exceedingly important part of marine geoscience, but, fiscally and scientifically, drilling must be regarded within the context of the total U.S. program for ocean science.

Earlier, I indicated that the *Glomar Explorer* could well represent the only major addition to the U.S. seagoing capability in the 1980's. The Ocean Margins Drilling Program, the scientific framework within which the *Glomar Explorer* conversion is being developed, is one of the few large-scale ocean science programs for the 1980's. This program is now being restructured to permit broader international participation, a wider range of targets, and a lower overall cost. Commercial petroleum companies are participating in the program and are providing a major portion of the funding.

The success of the NSF-ocean science community partnership in generating monies for its research programs determines the fiscal outlook for the research fleet. In view of the cuts in the federal budget, the community must work with NSF in developing new sources of funds for basic marine research and finding greater efficiencies in operating its ships. Unless large and well-conceived programs that present a clear need for ocean-going capability are developed that can attract new monies within the agencies and gain support from the private sector, there will be no sizeable infusion of new funds to support the research fleet. Without new funds, the fleet will continue to shrink as all sober projections of present trends predict.

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Information Reports

AGU/ASLO Meeting

"Ocean Sciences: the AGU/ASLO Joint Meeting," of the American Geophysical Union and the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO), will bring together physical, biological, chemical, and geological oceanographers in an attempt to bring unity to ocean research. The meeting, slated for February 18-19, 1982, in San Antonio, Texas, will feature 18 special sessions.

"The AGU/ASLO meeting will provide a forum for all people working on the water column," commented AGU Fellow Worth D. Nowlin, Jr., of Texas A&M University. Nowlin is one of the meeting's two convenors. The meeting should help to fill in the gap between physical and biological oceanographers, he added.

"Much of aquatic science is interdisciplinary, and many advances are expected from fruitful interactions across traditional disciplines," said Richard W. Eppey, ASLO president and the meeting's other convenor. "The joint meeting offers a substantial opportunity for ASLO members to learn what is new and exciting on the physical side. The new ideas, insights, and acquaintances that develop can only strengthen our science," he told *Eos*.

The latest addition to the roster of sessions is entitled SANDS (Shelf and Nearshore Dynamics of Sedimentation). The session will deal with recent research on the transport and accumulation of sediment in the continental shelf environment. A number of multi-disciplinary programs are currently underway, investigating shelf processes in different localities around the world, according to Chuck Nittrouer, session chairman. This will be an occasion to compare and contrast research results. The real strength of the joint AGU/ASLO meeting, he added, is that it will bring together physical oceanographers, benthic biologists, geochemists, and sedimentologists needed to examine fully sedimentary processes on shelves. For more information, contact Nittrouer (telephone: 919-737-3711).

A session on the "Biology and Physics of Ice Edges" will deal with the special conditions that occur in the vicinity of the outer boundary of sea ice in the Arctic and Southern oceans. These conditions support a unique ecological system that may be the most diverse within the open polar ocean region. The ice-edge processes also determine the sharpness of the edge and the direction of change, leading to an expansion of the sea ice fields or to a retreat. Presentations on the physics of the ocean and sea ice and of the associated biology are encouraged. Following the presentations, there will be a discussion about effective interdisciplinary field approaches that would provide the required data base to develop a quantitative understanding of the sea ice edge. Session cochairmen are Arnold Gordon (telephone: 914-359-2900, ext. 325) and Vera Alexander (telephone: 907-479-7531).

The session entitled "Overview of the Large Oceanographic Projects" aims to inform ASLO and AGU members of large aquatic programs and their impacts on research and opportunities. For additional information, contact Richard Eppey (telephone: 714-452-2338). Papers presented at the session on "Physical, Chemical, and Biological Processes in Large Lakes" will cover the mechanisms that control the fate and reservoir of pollutants in the Great Lakes. Except for Lake Superior, the Great Lakes have undergone accelerated eutrophication caused by phosphorus enrichment. Eutrophication, or the enrichment of a lake by dissolved nutrients, often is accompanied by seasonal oxygen deficiencies. Potentially toxic organic substances, such as PCBs, are found in the biota of all five lakes. These toxic organics are deposited in Lake Superior, the least polluted of the Great Lakes, from the atmosphere, according to session chairman Claire Schelske. It is timely to consider these systems because of the present interest in some parts of the country. In addition, knowledge is needed to implement and evaluate pollution-control strategies. For additional information, contact Schelske (telephone: 313-764-2422).

Other sessions and their contents and telephone numbers are listed below.

"Biology and Physics of Gulf Stream Rings," Peter Wiebe (617-548-1400); "Geological Effects of Ocean Circulation," Charles Hollister (817-548-1400, ext. 2200); "Anthropogenic Inputs to the Ocean: Diverse Points of View," William Sackett (813-893-9131); "Processes and Resources of the North Pacific Shelves," John Goering (907-479-7895); "Small Lake Limnology," George Saunders (301-353-5548); "Marine and Freshwater Bioturbation," Peter McCall (216-368-2000); "Ocean-River Interaction: Sedimentation and Chemistry," Martha Scott (713-845-7211); "Particle Fluxes in the Water Column and Benthic Boundary Layer," Susumu Honjo (817-548-1400, ext. 2589); "Relations Between Mesoscale Physical and Biological Processes," John Steele (617-548-1400); "Coastal Processes," Worth D. Nowlin, Jr. (713-845-2947); "Biological and Physical Measurement Techniques," Peter Jumars (202-698-4590); "Microscale Processes and Effects on Biota," Ken Donnan (604-658-8346) and Ann Gargelt (604-656-8254); "Relations Between Biology and Circulation in the Gulf of Mexico," Tom Hopkins (616-282-2123); and "Ocean Climate and Biological Productivity Connections," Richard Borber (919-728-2111).

The abstract deadline is November 10. For additional information, see the call for papers in the June 23, 1981, issue of *Eos*.—BTR

News and Announcements

Sailing Ships for Research

Motor-assisted sailing ships for ocean research could perform as well as or better than many existing research vessels and could cut fuel consumption by 50-80%, according to a preliminary study by an ad hoc panel of the National Research Council's Ocean Sciences Board (OSB).

Rising fuel costs plague ship owners and operators. For example, 2 years ago the U.S. oceanographic fleet had a \$6 million overrun in fuel costs. Furthermore, the price of marine diesel fuel skyrocketed from \$3 per barrel in 1972 to about \$38 per barrel in late 1980. Cutting these costs would be welcome if the savings were not made at the expense of additional crew, longer transit times, or less efficient scientific operations. A sailing ship with auxiliary motor propulsion is a promising prospect, according to the Ad Hoc Panel on the Use of Sailing Ships for Oceanography.

Substantial technological advances made in the past few decades make possible the construction of efficient sailing ships, according to the panel's report. "One of the largest problems with sailing ships in the past has been the uncertainty of arrival time at the next port or station. However, the combined use of sail and engine, the knowledge of the winds and seas ahead based on satellite data and modern forecasts, and the help of computers to lay a course and steer it, will greatly reduce the uncertainties. Materials now available that would increase durability and reduce maintenance include aluminum for cabins and masts, polyester



A tentative design for a motor-assisted sailing ship for oceanography research, sketched by Robert Parrell. Rising from the proposed 75-m-long ship are three 50-m masts. The widest point of the vessel measures approximately 15 m. The ship could carry a crew of 10, 3 cadets, and a scientific team of 18. The onboard electric plant consists of three 400-HP diesel engines, a 400-HP main prop, and a 200-HP bow thruster. (Photo courtesy of Willard Bascom).

TABLE 1. Composition of UNOLS fleet in 1973 and 1981

Operator	Ship		Length, ft	Year Built	Desired Retirement*
	1981	1973			
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	<i>Knorr</i>	<i>Knorr</i>	245	1968	1999
	<i>A II</i>	<i>A II</i>	210	1983	1983
	<i>Oceanus</i>		177	1975	2005
		<i>Chah</i>	214	1944	1974
Scripps Institution	<i>Metville</i>	<i>Gosnold</i>	99	1943	1973
	<i>T. Washington</i>	<i>Metville</i>	245	1970	2000
	<i>New Horizon</i>	<i>T. Washington</i>	209	1965	1985
	<i>E.B. Scripps</i>		170	1979	2008
Columbia University		<i>E.B. Scripps</i>	85	1965	1985
		<i>Agassiz</i>	180	1944	1974
		<i>Oceanostole</i>	100	1944	1974
	<i>Conrad</i>	<i>Alpha Helix</i>	133	1995	1995
University of Washington		<i>Conrad</i>	209	1962	1982
	<i>Thompson</i>	<i>Verna</i>	203	1923	1980
		<i>Thompson</i>	209	1995	1985
		<i>Hoh</i>	65	1943	1973
University of Rhode Island	<i>Endeavor</i>	<i>Onar</i>	85	1964	1994
			177	1978	2006
	<i>Gyre</i>	<i>Trident</i>	180	1944	1974
			174	1973	2003
Oregon State University	<i>Wecoma</i>	<i>Alamirios</i>	180	1945	1976
			177	1975	2005
		<i>Yaquina</i>	180	1944	1974
		<i>Cayuse</i>	80	1988	1988
University of Hawaii	<i>Kana Keoki</i>	<i>Kana Keoki</i>	168	1987	1987
	<i>Moana Wave</i>		174	1973	2003
		<i>Tenitu</i>	90	1963	1983
	<i>CZRV 1 Cape Florida</i>		135	1981	2011
University of Miami	<i>Columbus Iselin</i>	<i>Columbus Iselin</i>	170	1972	2002
	<i>Calanus</i>	<i>Calanus</i>	64	1970	2000
		<i>Gillis</i>	209	1984	1984
	<i>CZRV 2 Cape Hatteras</i>		118	1984	1984
University of Alaska	<i>Alpha Helix</i>	<i>Eastward</i>	135	1981	2011
			90	1981	1991
		<i>Acona</i>	133	1985	1985
	<i>Valero IV</i>	<i>Valero IV</i>	120	1975	2005
University of Southern California	<i>Valero IV</i>	<i>Ridgely Warfield</i>	110	1948	1983
	<i>Ridgely Warfield</i>	<i>Ridgely Warfield</i>	106	1987	1987
	<i>Cayuse</i>		80	1989	1989
	<i>Longhorn</i>	<i>Longhorn</i>	80	1971	2001
Johns Hopkins University			95	1938	1988
	<i>Blue Fin</i>	<i>KI Jones</i>	72	1972	2002
		<i>Turstop</i>	95	1954	1984
Calif. State University					
University of Texas					
University of Georgia					
Florida Institute Technology	<i>Turstop</i>				

fabrics for seals, Kevlar polyaramid fiber for lines, and improved paints.

A ship incorporating these features would have several advantages over modern research vessels that are solely engine powered, according to the panel. Vibrations and noise generated by engines would be reduced, and the sail would limit the ship's rolling. Fuel consumption changes the fuel load and, with it, the ship's stability; by reducing the rate of fuel consumption, sails will slow the change in stability.

The largest problem to be overcome [with the motor-sailer] may be the state of mind of some scientists or administrators who know little about large sailing ships and may react negatively before investigating the possibilities, states the panel report. Other problems include the potential interference with deck operations by the sailing ship's rigging and the possibility that the mast height would prevent the ship from entering harbors with low bridge clearances.

Nevertheless, the panel, chaired by Willard Bascom of the Coastal Water Research Project, recommended that OSB take the lead in proposing further investigation of the possibilities for using sailing ships for oceanographic research. Further study would better define requirements, relation to the rest of the oceanographic fleet, size, hull form, sail plan, automation possibilities, and fuel savings on various voyages, and make preliminary capital and operating cost estimates.

To give OSB a head start, the panel offered a design sketch of a motor-assisted sailing ship (see diagram) and some tentative specifications.—BTR

Deep Sea Cores Available

Scientists aboard the *Glomar Challenger* collected a 235-m core of marine sediment specifically for geochemical study. This core, obtained with the hydraulic piston corer from site 532 (leg 75) in the South Atlantic, was frozen immediately upon its retrieval to preserve its organic geochemical properties. Samples from this core are now available to researchers.

Site 532 is a reoccupation of deep-sea drilling (DSDP) site 362 of leg 40. The organic carbon content in this disturbed core ranges between 1 and 6% and appears to fluctuate markedly on a time scale of 20,000–50,000 years. The lowest values occur in deeper sediments, and they generally are higher in younger sediments, reflecting an intensification of upwelling conditions at this location. An organic carbon maximum in upper Pliocene sediments records stronger upwelling conditions during that time.

The shipboard party obtained two other cores at site 532 that are the subjects of numerous paleontological, sedimentological, geochemical, and geophysical studies. The information from these current investigations combined with earlier studies from DSDP leg 40 and from the nearby Walvis Bay-Namibian shelf area provide an interpretation background not often available to geochemists studying core materials.

Investigators wishing to receive frozen core samples should send a brief (300 word) description of the proposed study and their sample requirements to Bernd R. T. Simon, et al., Chairman, Organic Geochemistry Advisory Panel, School of Oceanography, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR 97331.

Note From the Associate Editor

It has been mentioned to me that a directory of the numerous active "newsletter" in the marine sciences would be of value. To this end, I would like to request the various editors or compilers of newsletters to send me the name, objective, and contact for their newsletter. Thank you.

David Ross' name and affiliation were given at the end of his article "Marine Science and the Law of the Sea," which appeared in the first issue of *The Oceanography Report* (EOS, 62, September 1, p. 650). Just in case some readers may have missed the author's name, I would like to thank David Ross directly for his excellent and timely article. He clearly points out that all marine sciences have a stake in the Law of the Sea. David Ross is a senior scientist in the Geology and Geophysics Department of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. He is also the Sea Grant Coordinator and Director of the Marine Policy and Ocean Management Program at that institution. As a member of the Ocean Policy Committee of the National Academy of Sciences and a member and now chairman of its Freedom of Ocean Science Task Group (FOSTG), he has been able to follow closely the Law of the Sea negotiations for the past 4 years. He is also a member of the State Department's Advisory Committee on the Law of the Sea.—ALG

Meetings

Curators of Marine Samples to Meet

Curators of marine samples will meet on Sunday, November 1, immediately preceding the Geological Society of America meeting (November 2–5) in Cincinnati. The agenda includes discussion and evaluation of the "Curator's Form" for reporting core and sediment data with the National Geophysical and Solar-Terrestrial Data Center (NGSDC). An attempt also will be made to formulate a similar NGSDC format for reporting dredge sample data using an acceptable classification scheme for dredged rocks. Other items on the agenda include funding problems, an update on the Long Core Facility, and brief presentations on new repository facilities, such as the University of Rhode Island and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. The curator's group was organized during a 1977 meeting of curators and curatorial representatives from all major

repositories of marine samples in this country. Representatives from NGSDC also participated because the initial goal was to establish a uniform scheme for reporting station and sediment data from gravity cores, grab samples, piston cores, box cores, etc. This was done, and is now referred to as the "Curator's Form." The cooperation has continued and now includes representatives from Canada, England, and France. This meeting, from 1 p.m. to about 6 p.m. in Cabana A and B of Stouffer's Hotel, will be the fourth one, and participation is welcome by anyone interested in marine science, data handling, sampling equipment design, etc.

For more information please contact Floyd W. McCoy or Mrs. Rusty Lott, Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory, Palisades, NY 10964 (914-359-2900).

Scientific Ocean Drilling

"Future Scientific Ocean Drilling Programs: The Problems, Objectives, and Plans," is the title for the Conference on Scientific Ocean Drilling (COSOD), scheduled for November 16–18 at the University of Texas at Austin. Sponsored by the Joint Oceanographic Institutions for Deep Earth Sampling (JOIDES) and convened by the COSOD Steering Committee, the meeting is open to the general scientific community; there is no registration fee.

On the agenda for the first 2 days of the conference are reports and workshop discussions on the origin and evolution of oceanic crust; on the origin and evolution of marine sedimentary sequences; on the tectonic evolution of continental margins and oceanic crust; and on the causes of long-term changes in the atmosphere, oceans, cryosphere, biosphere, and magnetic field. The third day will feature general discussion on the problems, objectives, and plans of present and future scientific ocean drilling programs.

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If you plan to attend, send your name, affiliation, address, and areas of interest to Peter Balkesp, COSOD Secretary, Graduate School of Oceanography, University of Rhode Island, Narragansett, RI 02882.

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can only be effected at 1–2 kb pressure relevant to this discussion at temperatures below 250°C. In fact, temperatures of over 370°C have been encountered in several geothermal areas. In discussing some of the effects of geothermal exploitation he notes "at The Geysers a blow-out blew the top off a hill" (not true). Also in drilling at The Geysers, "more bits may be lost due to the high state of fracturing" (p. 67). There are numerous cases where decimal points have been left out or misplaced, which leads to large errors of fact. There is an extensive discussion in chapter 5 on artificial stimulation of geothermal systems, and explosive stimulation is treated as if it were a routine practice. In fact I have not heard anyone seriously proposing such stimulation techniques. Given the quality of the book and the information content, the price is probably one of the most outrageous overcharges I have come across in some time. Several times more information per dollar can be obtained by purchasing the U.N. Symposium volumes or the

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GRC Transactions or by joining a geothermal organization. The author, editor, and publisher of this book ought to be embarrassed.

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Circulation Models of Lakes and Inland Seas

T. J. Simons, Government of Canada Fisheries and Oceans, Ottawa, Ill + 146 pp., 1980, \$14.40.

Reviewed by Malcolm Bowman

The book is a sophisticated review of hydrodynamic theory with applications to large-scale circulations in lakes and inland seas. It assumes the reader has a working knowledge of geophysical fluid dynamics. As such, this is not a text for someone wanting to get started in numerical modeling, either in understanding the basic theory or deciding what type of model to develop or apply to a given problem. This is not intended as a criticism of this particular text, but the science of hydrodynamic modeling, both analytical and numerical, is very complicated and is not readily accessible to limnologists and oceanographers in general.

Chapters 1 and 2 review, and sensibly do not attempt to derive, the fundamental equations of mass, momentum, and energy balances both for vertically integrated and layered formulations of these equations.

Chapter 3 summarizes known analytical solutions to vertical current variations, principally steady state, time-dependent and stratified Ekman flows, and the normal modes of a stratified basin.

Numerical solution techniques (principally the finite difference method) are discussed in chapter 4. This is more of a historical review of the great diversity of numerical techniques that have evolved rather than a mathematical analysis. The reader will have to delve further into the pertinent literature to get help in deriving suitable algorithms for a particular problem.

Chapter 5 and 6 summarize current understanding of steady state and time-dependent circulations in homogeneous basins, while chapter 7 discusses stratified flows. Most of the examples of modeled and observed flows are for Lake Ontario, which presumably reflects the proximity of the Canadian National Water Research Institute to this inland sea. Contaminant transport and mixing by advection and diffusion and its coupling to the hydrodynamics are not discussed in any detail. Tidal hydrodynamics are by nature outside the scope of the book.

I am sorry that the author did not provide a summary chapter in which he might have shared his candid views on the inadequacies of present modeling efforts. This might have enabled those of us who are more interested in applying rather than developing models to become more aware of their limitations and sometimes downright fictitious predictions. Strangely, the book lacks a subject index.

This monograph will be of great benefit as a reference text to the advanced modeler of large-scale circulations in inland seas and a guiding light to those of us struggling to do a credible job of modeling the complexities and overwhelming variability of the marine environment.

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